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RUSHING ROOTS

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RUSHINGS LISTED ON 1790 CENSUSES OF SOUTH AND NORTH CAROLINA
Number of Males:Females in Each Household

Beaufort District, SC

Matthew Rushing	2:4
Maliki Rushing	2:2

Cheraw District, SC

Frances Rushing	3:2
John Paul Rushing	3:3

Laurens District, SC

John Rusing	5:2

Anson Co, NC

Abraham Rushing	5:3
Abraham Rushing, Jr.	1:3
Jacob Rushing	2:3
Mark Rushing	4:3
Mathew Rushing	3:2
Noah Rushing	3:3
Phillip Rushing	4:3
Phillip Rushing, Jr.	3:2
Richard Rushing	5:4
Robert Rushing	6:4
Rowland Rushing	2:3
Sebrina Rushing	3:4
Solomon Rushing	5:4
William Rushing	5:1
William Rushing, Jr.	1:2

The federal census of 1790 was the first consolidated gathering of the Rushings in the United States on paper--as far as is known. The list above yields a total of 20 households headed by a Rushing--18 by males and 2 by females. Adding up the numbers above gives a count of 124 potential Rushings. Several considerations are noted here. Not all of those listed in a household may be Rushings. Rushings may be living in households headed by a person with a differend surname. Some Rushings may not have been counted at all. Of course, additional Rushings may have lived in other states. But this is a starting place.

Who were these people? Who were their parents? Who are the unnamed wives and daughters? Where did their ancestors originate? Several countries have been speculated upon--Wales, Ireland, Scotland, England, France, Russia, Germany, Holland, etc. Where were the parents of the first generation to be born in America living at that time? A record for John Paul Rushing of SC gives his place of birth as VA. A record for Richard Rushing of NC gives his place of birth as VA. Were they related?

Later censuses will show that a large contingent of the Anson, NC, group migrated to TN. AL, MS, GA, LA, AR, TX and other states were destinations for Rushings as time passed. How do they connect to those listed above? Where are the northern branches of the Rushing family?

EFFORTS TO CONTACT CURRENT RUSHING RESEARCHERS

A number of months ago, several Rushing researchers discovered one another on a computer genealogy bulletin board. Frances Abernathy, Willene Friar, Grace Goodall and Frances Thomas were the original hard core group. Others with Rushing connections found that topic and information was exchanged from people in MD, MS, FL, TX, AL, LA, CA, TN, WA and more. Recent-

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ly the idea of locating Rushing researchers who were not on this computer bulletin board was floated and the response was favorable. This trial iss of RUSHING ROOTS is that effort.

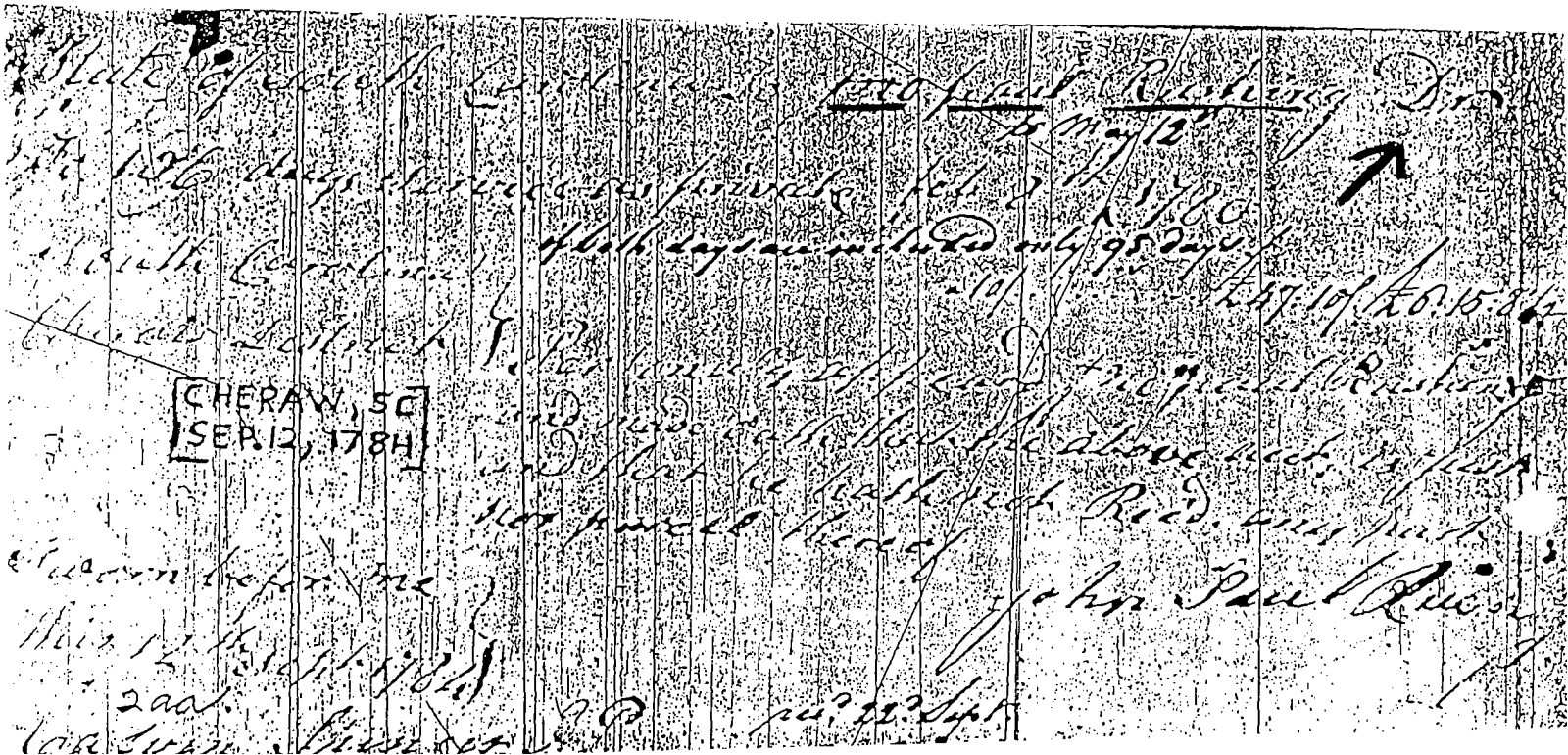
This issue is being mailed to individuals, archives, libraries and genealogical societies in various areas of the country known to have been frequented by Rushings. If you did not receive a personal copy, it was because we didn't know who you were. We would like to change that and hope to hear from all Rushing researchers who read this. Information on possible future issues of RUSHING ROOTS and subscriptions will be found on the last page.

There are all levels of expertise in this group. Some are experienced in genealogy and in computers. They have a Rushing data base filled with names that can be produced in all sorts of forms and charts by pushing a few keys. Others of us have been researching for years and can barely type--much less order a computer around. We happily fill in our family group sheets by hand. Some of us are new to both genealogy and computers. Whatever our methods or experience, what we all have in common--other than our stacks and piles of paper--is a connection to the RUSHING family and an interest in learning more about that group of people.

If there is enough interest, we would like to continue the publication of RUSHING ROOTS. The following pages give a sample of the material that would appear in the future. They introduce us and we pose our questions and locate our spot in the family--as well as we can at this point. Portions of various records are included. This would be expanded in the future. Records from censuses, deeds, wills, cemeteries, family Bibles, marriage and death records, military records, etc. will be included. Complete family group sheets, rather than the condensed ones in this issue, will appear as space allows. If this effort is continued, we hope that you will find informatic that will add to your knowledge--and that you will share your material her.

????? CAN YOU SHED ANY LIGHT ON THIS ?????

Below is a record for John Paul Rushing. (From file in SC Archives.) Following his name is what appears to be the abbreviation "Dr." There is no known information on him having been a doctor. Does anyone know of a different meaning for this abbreviation?


[CHERAW, SC
SEP. 12, 1784]

IN SEARCH OF JOHN PAUL RUSHING

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With her 1812 widow's pension Sarah, widow of Robert SWOR, filed an affidavit dated 19 Feb 1872, stating that she was "aged about 77 years,... that she married under the name of Sarah RUSHIN in the State of South Carolina in the year 1808..." Finding this document at the National Archives launched my personal search for John Paul Rushing. I had previously found the Swors in Anson Co NC and Chesterfield Co SC, and Jno. Paul was the only Rushing in the 1800 Chesterfield SC census whose family statistics allowed for a daughter the age of Sarah. I still had to rule out other SC Rushings who might have been "passing through." John Paul Rushing had the advantage of living very near the Swors when the census was taken, and Robert and his wife were living in the same vicinity after their marriage, in the 1810 census.

The 1810 and 1820 Chesterfield Co censuses have no Jno. Paul in Chesterfield Co, but do show a Mary with a very similar family. In 1820 she is over 45, and still has at home three sons 16-26, two sons 10-16, a daughter under 10, and 13 slaves.

Chesterfield County is a "burned County," which makes things very difficult, lacking the wills and deeds for a systematic search. It was at this point of facing a very tedious effort that your correspondent joined the Prodigy online network and was pleased to find Rushing descendants on its genealogy bulletin board, searching for early Rushings in both NC and SC. Our cooperative effort has turned up very strong clues, but no hard proof yet, that Jno. Paul is the ancestor of both this reporter and your Editor, Gayle Weed. Some of our major findings are summarized below.

1. John Paul Rushing was a Revolutionary officer of the SC Militia. There are receipts for two `indents' (IOU's) for him in the SC Archives. One is dated 5th February 1786 and witnessed by Charles Evans, J.P. in Chesterfield County. According to the military file on him at the SC Archives, he enlisted as a Private in 1780, then served again in 1782-3 as a Lieutenant. He may have died in 1810, although this has not been confirmed, other than with the census records. Neither he nor his widow ever filed a pension application. In 1810 only disabled or indigent soldiers were eligible, but these restrictions were removed in 1832. He apparently did receive 500 acres of land for his service, apparently in SC, on 5 Oct 1786. The book History of the Old Cheraws (Gregg, 1867) lists John Rushing as lieutenant, Benton's Regt, at Long Bluff, in 1782-83. This book also contains a copy of a General Return of the 39th Regt of the SC Militia. It is dated 29 Nov 1800 and is certified by John P. Rushing, 2nd Major. This indicates he remained active in the military after the Rev War.

2. There have been at least two DAR applications based on his service, but the DAR records are incomplete and contradictory. One filed in 1947, by a descendant of his daughter, Temperance J., b 1786? and her husband John Paul Lowry, gives the wife of John Paul Rushing as Temperance J. MAY, b 1758, d. 1837. It also states that he was b. VA 1754 or 1756 and d. 1812. It also claims that both are buried in St. David's cemetery in Cheraw, SC. Their marriage date is given as 1774, with no proof. Interestingly, someone has pencilled in "Mary" in front of Temperance J. May as the wife. Before we found this document, we had already found a lot of girls named Temperance among probable descendants. But the census records showing Mary as the name

of the obvious widow is cause for concern. The other DAR applications for John Rushing's of SC (there's another one in Laurens Co, and one in Beaufort Co census later) give his wife as Mary HARRELL. This appears to be in errow, since a grandson of John Paul's, also named John Paul and b. 1808 SC, appears to have married Mary Harrell.

3. Subsequent research in tracing Rushings in the Deep South has located the widow Mary in Sumter Co AL, where she apparently moved with two of her sons and other relatives in about 1833. Her nuncupative will dated 16 August 1837 was entered there by a James Durden on 15 Feb 1838--"Mrs. Mary Rushing being ill at my home...hand over to her dauter Clarey Jackson a certain Negroe girl named Charrity..."(sic). The will was proved for probate, and her tombstone has been located by Gayle Weed, with the information, Mary Rushing, born 1758 SC, died Aug 22, 1837, AL, in the Belmont Cemetery, Sumter Co AL.

4. Based on the evidence to date it appears that John Paul Rushing's children are:

Stephen
b 1783 SC
m Elizabeth _____(b 1785 VA, d after 1850)
d 1843 Sumter Co AL
Unknown daughter (16-26 in 1800)
William (10-16 in 1800)
b 1786 SC
m Mary _____(b 1790 NC, d 1860-70 Scott Co MS)
d 1850 Sumter Co AL
Temperance J. (10-16 in 1800)
b 1786 SC
m 1803 John Paul Lowry (b 1780 VA, d 1823 SC)
d 1823, buried Lowry Cemetery, SC
Sarah (under 10 in 1800)
b ca 1792-95 SC
m 1808 SC Robert Swor
d 1875 Henry Co TN
Unknown daughter #2 (under 10 in 1800)
Unknown daughter #3 (under 10 in 1800)
John Paul Jr. (Under 10 in 1800)
b 1796 SC
served in the War of 1812
m Vicey _____ (b 1815 SC)
d 1862 SC
Mathew (under 10 in 1800)
b 1800 SC
m Jerusha Gibson (b 1812 NC)
d 1856 SC

Other possible children are:

Archabald age 26-45 in 1829 SC census, head of household
Clarissa (Clarey)
b @1803 SC
m _____ Jackson
d after 1860 (on Sumter AL 1860 census)

5. The dilemma over the name of the wife is compounded by the fact that SC did not keep marriage records until around 1900. By the evidence of the propagation of the name Temperance Jane through multiple later generations it certainly appears plausible that this was her name, but there is strong

evidence in the census records in favor of Mary. There is one important thing: why didn't Mary file for a widow's pension, if not in 1810 (she was far from indigent with ten slaves, which might have been the reason then), then why not in 1833 when every widow was eligible, regardless of financial status? Maybe Mary is the second wife, and not being his wife during his service could have affected her eligibility, or she may have been the widow of some soldier whose name we do not know, and drawing a pension on his service. Unfortunately the Rev War pensions are only indexed by the name of the soldier, so we have found nothing yet. There is hope that some church records may be discovered which clear up this puzzle. Since Mary is about the same age as Temperance Jane and only a couple of years younger than John Paul, if she is the second wife, he is likely her second husband. The later children, including Clarissa (Clarey), may not be John Paul's. Much more exploration needs to be done in this area.

6. In tracing `upstream' from John Paul, we have found numerous associations of Rushings with a PAUL family, particualarly in Northampton Co NC in the 1720-50 timeframe when they were neighbors, according to the deeds, and friends as well since they witnessed each others' legal documents from time to time. There is a report, unconfirmed, that a Frances Paul m. a William Rushing. There is a deed naming Frances as William's wife, in Northampton Co NC in the 1750's. There is also a Frances/Fanny/Freney Rushing who shows up in the Chesterfield Co SC census as head of household in the 1790 and 1820 censuses, very near John Paul Rushing. In 1820 she has a younger woman living with her, aged 26-45. Frances may be the mother of John Paul, and it would make sense since his second son is named William. Several of the researchers involved in the cooperative effort to trace the Rushings are making preliminary searches for the Paul's and the May line which might both yield valuable information.

7. The first known Rushing to move to SC is believed to be a John who received a grant in the Welsh Tract ("The Old Cheraws" District) around 1748. These grants were set aside for Welsh Baptists, primarily from the earlier Welsh Tract of DE and PA, and granted by the Governor of PA(!). This John had a "wife and one child" at the time and came from VA(!), according to History of Old Cheraws (Gregg, 1867). There was a border dispute between NC and SC which was not settled until about 1775, and many of these grants were in an area that presently encompasses parts of both states. Wherever Rushings went as they began to spread west from NC and SC they founded Primitive Baptist churches, and there was a "Baptist Meeting House" less than a mile from the area where John Paul Rushing lived in SC in the early 1800's according to an old map. A story handed down on one line of Rushings who headed to TN was that the earliest Rushings were Welsh ship captains. Based on all of these clues we believe it may be possible to trace them back to the earliest Welsh Baptist settlements in DE, or alternatively to find them in Barbados where some Welsh Baptists tarried on their way to the Colonies. We still have much work to do in SC, especially since there is a chance some of the early Welsh Baptist records there may be found. At this time we do not believe that our John Paul Rushing is the son of the John who arrived pre-1748, since the Rushing-Paul connection is still flourishing in Northampton and Edgecomb Counties of NC in the 1750's, and Pauls did not arrive in the Welsh Tract area until prehaps 1760. There are many more challenges ahead in tracing these early movements.

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SELECTED RUSHING FAMILY NAME CHART (Condensed)
(Two Possible Children of SC John Paul Rushing)

Gayle B. Weed
10205 Melanie SE
Huntsville, AL 35803

William Rushing m Mary _____
b 1786 SC b 1790 NC
d 1850 Sumter Co, AL d after 1860 (on 1850 Sumter, AL census & 1860 Scott Co, MS)

Children:
1. John Paul Rushing b 1808, Chesterfield Dist SC, d 1892, Sumter Co AL
   m #1 Mary Harrell #2 Frances Lavenia Peaton
   ch William R. ch Stephen J.
      Paulina (m Spidle) Mittie E. (m Walker)
      Benjamin F. John Paul Jr.
      Andrew J. Temperance P. (m Byrd) *
      James Knox Polk Annie M.
      Bryant H.
      John P.
2. William H. Rushing b 1820, SC, d _____
   m Nancy _____
   ch Joseph L.
3. Stephen J. Rushing b 1811 SC, d _____
   m Martha S. A. Carroll
   ch Thomas
      William
      Charles
4. Unknown daughter #1 b 1810-20 SC, d_____
5. Unknown daughter #2 b 1810-20 SC, d_____
6. Richard L. Rushing b 1818 SC, d_____ (to Scott Co MS?)
7. James A. Rushing b 1826 SC d, _____ (to Scott Co MS?)
8. Thomas E. Rushing b 1831 SC d, _____ (to Scott Co MS?)

All of the above numbered children appear on the Sumter AL 1850 census with the possible exception of the two unknown daughters, who were counted on the 1820 Chesterfield SC census in the household of William Rushing.
(* Gayle Byrd Weed's branch.)

Temperance J. Rushing m John Paul Lowry
b 1786 SC b 1780
d 1823 d 1823
son of Robert and Judith Boggan May Lowry

Children:
1. Alfred M. Lowry b 1804
2. Robert Lowry b 1806 (to MS)
3. Rosanna Lowry b 1808 (m Perkins)
4. John Lowry b 1809 (to LA)
5. Mary M. Lowry b 1811 (m White)
6. Thomas J. Lowry b 1813 (to MS)
7. James Lowry b 1816 (to ARK)
8. Joseph Lowry b 1818
9. Elizabeth Lowry b 1819 (m Nettles)
10. Leonidas Lowry b 1822

ROBERT RUSHING

Frances M. Thomas
1904 Detroit Ave.
Nederland, TX 77627

Robert Rushing, son of William, was born before 1755. He appears on the census of Anson Co, NC in 1790, 1800, 1810, and 1820. Neither the name of his wife, nor the exact date of his death has been discovered by this researcher.

In her book Colony of North Carolina 1735-1764 Abstracts of Land Patents Vol. I, Margaret M. Hofmann records that on 22 January 1773 Robert Rushing received Patent No. 4197 for "150 acres in Anson on the lower side of little Brown Creek, joining Williams line N. of Haw branch and (a point) near Johnston's line". (Probably Johnston's line refers to property of William Johnson who married Robert's sister.)

That Robert Rushing's father was William seems to be confirmed in a 1778 deed recorded in Anson Co. Deed Book K, page 470, in which William Rushing conveyed land on Brown Creek "...in consideration of the natural love and effection he beareth towards the said Robert Rushing..." Witnesses were Wm. Rushing, Jnr., Noah Rushing, and Benj. Jackson. (An ancestor chart compiled by Martha C. Huckabee of Uniontown, AL shows that Benjamin Jackson married a Mary Rushing but does not indicate the name of her father. William Rushing, Jr. was Robert's brother, and it does seem possible that Noah and Roland may have been brothers, also, based upon this record in Anson Co. Deed Book L-M, page 144: in 1804 Noah Rushing of Anson Co., NC transferred to John Grigg of Chesterfield Co., SC a tract of land which was "part of a survey granted to William Rushing Senr. part of a survey granted to Roland Rushing the whole of one survey granted to me the sd. Noah Rushing all the Sd. Lands Lying Adjoining each other on Both sides of the North fork of Thompson's Creek. ...") On the 1810 census of Christian Co., KY are Noah Rushing (age 45+) and son (?) Robert Rushin (age 16-25).

On 16 Nov 1836, 200 acres of land in Anson Co., NC was purchased by William M. Rushing from the other heirs of Robert Rushing, dec'd. Documents pertaining to the transfer are recorded in Deed Book 4, Union Co., NC, and confirm the names of Robert's children. They are listed here, not necessarily in birth order: a daughter who married first _____ Little and second William Deason; Joseph (born ca1775) who married Martha Deason; John who married Milly Deason; David (born ca1778 and died before 2 June 1828) who first married Rebecca _____ and then Nancy Deason; Drucilla (born in 1786 and died in 1864) who married Stephen Huntley, Sr.; Abel (born 8 Nov 1787 and died 26 Aug 1836) who married Sarah Jane Herrin; William M. who married Marah _____; and Robert/Robin (born 8 Jan 1799 and died 27 June 1855) who married Lively Webb.

Corrections or additions to this information will be most gratefully accepted.

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SELECTED NC RUSHING FAMILY NAME CHARTS (Condensed)
Frances M. Thomas

WILLIAM RUSHING b @ 1730 d _____ m _____
Children:
1. Sarah Rushing(?)
2. Mary Rushing

3. Robert Rushing b before 1755 NC m _____
d before 16 Nov 1836 NC
Children:
Female Rushing
Sophia Rushing
Sarah Rushing
Joseph Rushing b @ 1775 NC, d after 1845 m Martha Deason
Child: Joseph C.
David Rushing b @ 1778, NC, d before 2 June 1828, NC m #1 Rebecca _____. #2 Nancy Deason
Children:
Rebecca 2nd marriage
Holden **-William Gilbert
Martha Jane
Calvin
Jemimah M.
John Rushing d before 1830 TN
Drucilla Rushing b 1786 NC, d 1864 m Stephen Huntley
Children:
Rebecca John Isaac
Thomas Sallie
Elizabeth Jane
Robin Stephen Jr.
Jemima
Abel Rushing b 1787 NC, d 1836 TN m Sarah Jane Herrin
Children:
Robert T. Joel
Jackson Nancy
William G. Jemima
Noah "Tennessee" Sarah A.
William M. Rushing b @1794 NC, d after 1872 NC m Marah _____
Children:
Andrew J. Rebecca
Willis Temperance
Mahala G. Asenath
Sue
Robert "Robin" Rushing b 1799 NC, d 1855 TN m Lively Webb
Children:
Salina Sophia
Calvin Leonidas
Jemima John M.
Holden
4. John Rushing
5. Noah Rushing
6. William Rushing Jr. b @ 1757
7. Joseph Rushing

** William Gilbert Rushing m Eliza Williams
b 1810 NC b 1819 TN
d 1875 TN d 1881 TN
Children: (15)
Leonadus m Martha Jane Newsom
Rebecca m George Findley Martin (Frances Martin Thomas' branch.)
Martha m James L. Bagby
Mary E. m Samuel H. Westbrook
Sophia A. m Harvey Washington Myracle
Ann E. m Thomas P. Arnold

John A. m Louiza J. Carroll
Catherine E.
Penelope E. m Asbury David
Millard Fillmore m Sarah Leona Carroll
Milton Brown
William B.
Margaret Jane m John Parker Carroll Jr.
Emily H.
Mahala J.

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ADDITIONAL NC RUSHING FAMILY NAME CHARTS

Grace M. Goodall
2100 Mangrum Dr. Dunedin, FL 34698

JASON RUSHIN m Franky _____
b @ 1793 NC b 1795 NC
d @ 1855-6 Butler Co, MO d @ 1850-2 MO
Children:
1. Peter Rushin b @1815 NC, d @1850 MO m #2 Sarah Jane _____
2. Female Rushin
3. Amelia Rushin b 1819 TN, d @1850 MO
4. Rebecca Rushin b 1820 TN, d 1887 m #1 Joseph Kittrell, #2 James Brannum
5. Minerva Rushin b 1822 TN m John Horn
6. William Rushin b @1824 TN, d @1853 MO m Lucinda Mcelmurry
7. Joel Rushin b 1826 TN, d 1896 MO m #1 Mary A. Floyd, #2 Mary A. Brown
   Children:
   Martha — Joel Jr.
   Jason — * Frankey Jane m John N. Dunning
   John — Infant
   Rebecca Ann — 2nd Marriage
   Minerva — Missouri A.
   Daniel — Sarah
   Mary Elizabeth — Willis
8. Polly "Mary" Rushin b @1830 MO, d @1870 MO m William Johnson Hudson
9. Emeline Rushin b 1832 MO, d 1882 MO m Andrew W. Powers
10. Thomas J. Rushin b 1837 MO m #1 Susan _____, #2 Frankey Jane Allen
11. Jordan J. Rushin b 1839 MO m Ruth Bradon
12. Elizabeth Rushin b @1843 MO

(* Grace Goodall's branch. Her burning question is who is the father of Jason, born @1793, Anson Co, NC???)

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WHO WAS CLEMENT RUSHING'S FATHER??

Susan Knight Gore
5136 Downs Dr. Memphis, TN 38135

Clement Rushing m _____ Martin?
b NC
d before Mar 2, 1840, when Mark Rushing was appointed guardian for his minor children, Stewart Co, TN.
Children:
Mary Ann Rushing b 1828, d 1905 m William Boggan Nichols II
Barbara Rushing
John Rushing
William Rushing
Richard Rushing
L. J. Rushing

WHICH IS MY MATTHEW RUSHINGS

WILLENE DUNAWAY FRIAR
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In Passports Issued by Governors of Georgia 1810 -1820. The following was found: Page 215 Thurs. 18th October 1810
On application,
ORDERED:
That passports be prepared for the following persons to travel through Creek Nation of Indian, to wit, one for Mathew Rushing, with his wife and seven children, from Beaufort District, South Carolina, and one for Loftin Fairchild with his wife, and two Negroes from the County of Twigg in this state which were presented and signed.

With the number of Matthew's found in North Carolina and South Carolina I can only speculate until enough facts have been acquired to prove the actual Matthew in question.

A few years back Jane Hill listed the following in Rushing Past, Matthew Rushing b 1774 as father to my Claiborn. As a new researcher I can neither agree or disagree with her findings until I obtain more family records to support her research.
His children listed by her were as follows: Claiborn 1795 SC\Ga. d.1872 Ms, Ephriam 1798 SC\Ga. d.1864 Ms,

Malachi	*1800*	*SC\Ga.*	*d.1860 Ms,*
John	*1800*	*SC\Ga.*	*d.*
Sidney	*1805*	*SC\Ga.*	*d.*
Edward	*1808*	*SC\Ga.*	*d.1878 Ms,*
Abner	*1808*	*-1810*	
Sarah	*1810*	*Ms.*	*d.*
Reuben	*1810*	*Ms.*	*d.*
William	*1814*	*Ms.*	*d.*
James	*1818*	*Ms.*	*d.*
Caroline	*1820*	*Ms.*	*d.*
Unknown Male			

Now to complicate matters, different members of the Rushing family submitted data to Chris Beard and Janis Stringfield for their separate books on The Aaron Beard And Kizziah (Carter) Beard Of South Mississippi with the following.
Matthew Rushing b. 1760 in North Carolina m. ca. 1786 Sarah Harrell, they are listed in Mississippi with the following children:
1. William Rushing b.1787 m. in 1816 to Rebecca Clark.
2. Abraham m. in 1819 Dempsy Cockerham.
3. Matthew m. Elizabeth ?
4. Silas Rushing
5. Jack Claiborn b. 1795 S.C. d. 1872 in Pike Co. Ms. m. in 1818 to Lydia Thornhill
6. Ephriam Rushing b.1798 S.C. m.Milly A. Thornhill
7. Malachi b. 1800 m. Mary ?
8. Harriet d. 1860 m. Carney
9. Saretha d. 1874
10. Elvdie d. 1860 (I believe this a misspell for Lydie)
11. Elvine d. 1863 m. George W. Johnson
I think there has been a com-binding of Claiborn's children with Matthew's at this point.
Claiborn had girls named Saretha, Harriet, Lydia, Elvira or Elvine and a son named Silas. Same as shown above in Matthew's family. These five children, no doubt belong to Claiborn . I think the census will support this. I will leave this for Claudine Rushing to add to as she has done intensive search of the Mississippi Records for each Rushing descendant of not only Claiborn's family but each Rushing found on census records in Amite, Franklin, Copiah, Pike and surrounding Counties.

As to the Matthew Rushing's of Franklin, Amite , Copiah and Pike

County I am as confused as I was at the start of this research and can only hope with time, to find family records or wills that separate these Matthew's. I believe we are dealing with three maybe four in Mississippi early 1800. With the changing boundaries is it possible that the Franklin County and Amite County Matthew listed in church and tax records in 1813 are one and the same?. Probably the Matthew b. 1760 that m. Sarah Harrell since Harrells are found in both Franklin and Amite Counties in church records and census.

In 1820 census Matthew Rushing of Franklin Co. is shown with 420201 - 32010-0 in his family. 1 male b. 1775 or later and 1 female b. 1774 - 1776 which would not fit the Matthew and Sarah Harrell family.

Claiborn next door in Pike County with 000100-00200-0.

In 1830 we find a Malachi Rushing and Matthew Rushing in Copiah Co. Ms.
Matthew 002210010 0111001
1 Male b. 1770- 1780
1 F. b. 1780-1790
Malachi 10001 10001

1850 Covington County has
Matthew Rushin b. 1774 Ga.

Emeline wife	*1815 Ga.*
Mary Jane	*1842*
Ephriam	*1843*
Matilda	*1845*
Deza	*1847*
Louisa	*1849*

As you can see there is much to be confused about and much research to be done on these lines.

The records found in the DAR prove to be a combining of the North Carolina Matthew with the South Carolina Matthew's and can not be used as a verification to identify or separate these families.

At this point I can only list my chart as follows.
Matthew Rushing b. S.C. d. Ms.

1st generation:
Claiborn son of Matthew, b. 1795 S.C. d. 1872 Ms. m. in 1818 Lydia Thornhill

2nd generation
John C. son of Claiborn b. 1820 Ms. d. 1901 m. Una Beard

3rd generation:
William Aaron son of John b. 10 Jan 1848 Ms. d. 16 Aug. 1916 m. 1. Annie Walker 2. Margaret O'Brien

4th generation:
Zacary C. son of William and Margaret b 28 Aug 1888 d. 13 Jul 1978
5th generation
Thelma Margaret 08 Oct 1912 m. Hezekiah Dunaway
6th generation:
Willene Dunaway b. 29 Apr 1940 m. E.R. Friar Jr.

The Matthew Rushing's as other Rushing's of past, have confused many and continue to cause researchers to dig deep into tax records, census, church, and family lore to find any clue that would place the one ancestor rightfully in place as head of his family.

I would be glad to hear from any researchers that are struggling with Matthew

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WILL THERE BE A NATIONAL RUSHING FAMILY REUNION IN MISSISSIPPI???

It isn't time to mark the dates on the calendar yet as no plans have been finalized. But Willene Friar and Sammy Lou Johnston are into preliminary investigations for this project. The location would be near the historic Rushing family areas of Pike County. Further details will be available later.

SELECTED MS RUSHING NAME CHARTS (Condensed)

Claudine Rushing
7373 Tung Ave. N
Theodore, AL 36582

Claiborne Rushing m Lydia Thornhill
b 1795 SC b 1800 SC
d 1872 Pike Co, MS d after 1870
Children: (13)

1. John Calvin Rushing b 1820 MS, d 1901 MS m Una Beard
   Children:
   William Aaron — Christopher Vertis
   Nancy Kazar — Cumirah
   Serena Levina — John Felder
   Zachariah Calvin
2. Elizabeth Rushing b 1822 MS, d 1883 MS m William W. Beard
   Children:
   Elizabeth Jane — William Monroe
   Elvira Serena — Harriet Synthy
   Jesse Allen — Keziah Henreta
   Saretha Emba — Rosella Servella
   Lydia Ann — Lovey Charlotty
3. Elvira Rushing b 1824 MS, d before 1853 MS m George Walter Johnson
   Children:
   Irvin G. — Oliver W.
   Linus B. — Amsay A.
4. Wiley Rushing b 1826 MS, d 1905 MS m Nancy C. May
   Children:
   Evan C. — Benjamin M.
   Mary Jane — Nancy Melissa
   Anjaline — Julia Alzady
   Jesse W. — Lear A.
   Laura M. — Samuel Norvel
   Obed K. — Amanda A.
5. Clarkey Rushing b 1827 MS, d @ 1865 MS m Evan May
   Children:
   Claiborne — Nancy
   Harriet — Joseph M.
   Albert — Daniel E.
   Mary — William
   John
6. Levi Rushing b 1828 MS, d 1892 MS m #1 Nancy Dunaway
   #2 Nancy E. McKenzie
   Children:
   Harrison Filmore — Millie Ann Lucinda
   Elizabeth J. — Marion Andrew
   Levi Richmond — Doctor Joseph
   Polly E. — Samuel Tilden
   2nd Marriage — Lilly A.
   Lidia Ann — Archie *
   Silus C. — Leola
   (* Claudine Rushing's branch.)
7. Sarentha Rushing b 1831 MS, d 1874 MS m Jonas L. Causey

8. Harriet Rushing b 1833 MS, d @ 1860 MS m Jess Causey
9. Norvel E. Rushing b 1835 MS, d 1916 MS m Julia A. May

Children:

Rebeca	Evaline
Wiley	Austin L.
Jonas L.	Esco
Davis E.	Nancy A.
Mathew M.	

10. Uriah K. Rushing b 1836 MS, d LA m Lavenia Beard

Children:

Sophrona Elizabeth	Mary M.
Cyresa A.	Vina Z.
Nelson Reynolds	Edward Isaiah
Uriah Kent	Hester
Canzetta	Ida
Julious Ecford	Andrew Jackson

(SEE Vickie Daugherty's name charts.)

11. Lydia Ann Matilda Rushing b 1838 MS, d 1887 MS m Etheldred May
12. Silas C. Rushing b 1841 MS, d 1865 IL
13. Matthew M. Rushing b 1842 MS, d 1866 MS

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ADDITIONAL MS RUSHING NAME CHARTS

Vickie M. Daugherty
4411 Ashland
Baker, LA 70714

Uriah Kent Rushing m La Vinea Beard
b 1837 MS b 1836 MS
d LA d

Children:

1. Sefronia Elizabeth Rushing
2. Nelson Reynolds Rushing b 1859 MS, d LA m Catherine Wilkinson

Children:

William Columbus	Nelson Jr
Claiborne	Ary Angeline
La Vinea	Lily
Robert	Zily
Creely Hatton	Infant
Catherine Arconie	Smyzer (Mike) Jefferson
Alvia	Betty Hattie

3. Conzetty Rushing b 1860 MS, d 1923 LA m William J. Thornton

Children:

Erastus	Asley Courtney *
Vertis	Cassie
Curtis	Pharley
Mertis	Ethel
John	Lucious
Rosa	Luther

4. Uriah Kent Rushing Jr b
5. Eckford Rushing m Emma Wilkinson
6. Mary Rushing b 1872 MS
7. Edward Isaiah Rushing b 1873 MS, d 1940 LA m Julia Wilkinson

Children:

Nuruel L.	Ila Norwood
Dewey	Artes
Ray	Hatten
Melissa	Edward
Ellen	Preston

8. Ida Rushing m W. T. Edwards
9. Hester Lubency Rushing b 1875 MS, d 1938 LA m Jim Pascal Wilkinson
   Children:
   Clarence — Aline
   Rex — Allen
   Vilry (Brit)
10. Andrew Rushing b 1877 MS, d 1956 LA m Liddy Montgomery
   Children:
   Hester Lubency * — Nettice
   Emma — Alex
   Elma — Ettice (Tony)
   Florence — Arnold
   Edna

(* Vickie M. Daugherty's branches.)

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WHO ARE THE PARENTS OF HENRY CLAY & MARY ANN RUSHING RUSHING?

Sammy Lou Johnston
P.O. Box 305
Woodville, MS 39669

Henry Clay Rushing m #1 Mary Ann Rushing
b — b
m May 6, 1867 — d
d

Children:
1. Theodore Rushing b 1870 MS, d 1927 MS m Mary Blanche Tillman
   Child:
   Willie Lee
2. Robert Edward Rushing
3. Julia Rushing
4. Alice Rushing
5. Lindsay Rushing
6. Mary Rushing

MISCELLANEOUS RUSHING RESEARCH NOTES

Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During Indian Wars and Disturbances 1815-1858

1. Rushing, A.D. Pvt. Bryant's Co, 2nd TN Mounted Inft. (Smith's). Cherokee War.
2. Rushing, Abel B. Pvt/Sgt Peak's Co, Lindsay's Regt, TN Mounted Volunteers. Cherokee War.
3. Rushing, Archibald Pvt. _____ Co, 1st Batt'n AL Militia Inft. Creek War.

*4. Rushing, Burrel Pvt. Co C. 1st AR Mounted Gunmen, Cherokee War.

*5. Rushing, David Pvt. Co C, 1st AR Mounted Gunmen. Cherokee War.

*6. Rushing, Edmund Pvt. Co C, 1st AR Mounted Gunmen. Cherokee War.
   * Called out for the protection of the Sabine Frontier, 1836, under authority of General Gaines, approved by the War Department.

7. Rushing, John J. Pvt Sparkman's Independent Co, FL Mounted Volunteers. Seminole War.
8. Rushing, Philip Pvt. Dunlap's Co, Paris Guards TN Mounted Volunteers. War of 1836. (see Sabine Frontier note)
9. Rushing, Theophilus H. Pvt McNeill's Co, FL Mounted Volunteers. Seminole War.

10. Rushing, Theophilus H. Pvt. Sparkman's Independent Co, FL Mounted Volunteers. Seminole War.
11. Rushing, Thomas Pvt. Cook's Co, 2nd Volunteer Mounted Gunmen, West TN. War of 1812.
12. Rushing, William S. Pvt Sparkman's Independent Co, FL Mounted Volunteers. Seminole War.
13. Rushing, William T. Pvt Sparkman's Independent Co, FL Mounted Volunteers. Seminole War.

Source: National Archives microfilm M629, roll 33, Ru-Se

SERVICE RECORDS OF SOLDIERS WHO SERVED FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA
3rd Seminole War 1855-58

John W. J. Rushing (1)Pvt, age 18 yrs. Muster Roll of Capt. Sparkman's Co. 6 months 1856. Roll dated Hichipucksassa, Fla, Feb 19, 1856. Enrolled Feb 18, 1856. Value of horse $125. (2)Muster out Roll Aug 18, 1856.

Theophelus H. Rushing (1) Brown's Store, Hillsborough. Mustered in Feb 18, 1856. Enrolled Dec 31, 1855. (2) Age 21 yrs. Feb 19, 1856 value of horse $80, equipment $15. Roll dated Hichipucksassa, Fla. (3) Muster out roll Aug 18, 1856, Hichipucksassa, Fla.

William Rushing (1) Muster in/out roll Brown's Store, Hillsboro Co, Fla. Feb 18, 1856. Enrolled Dec 31, 1855.

William T. Rushing (1)Pvt, age 41. Roll dated Feb 19, 1856 at Hichipucksassa, Fla. Value of house $140, equipment $6. 6 months. (2) April to May 1856 detached service at Soak Rum Station. Reported to Post Camp Gibson for scout. June to July 1856 detached service at Camp Pleasant. (3)Muster out roll at Hichipucksassam Fla Aug 18, 1856.

Source: National Archives microfilm M1086, roll 63

Theophelus Rushing (1)Pvt Capt McNeill's Indpt Co, 6 months 1857. age 22 yrs. On muster roll dated June 26, 1857 at Fort Brook, Fla. Value of horse $130, equipment $10. (2)Muster out roll at Fort Brook, Fla, Dec 25, 1857.

Source: National Archives microfilm M1086, roll 61

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SOME RANDOM RUSHING QUESTIONS

1. Records in the SC archives show that Sabrina Rushing filed a Rev. War claim in 1785 in Cheraws for a man killed or taken by the enemy Feb, 1780. The 1790 Anson, NC, census shows Sebrina Rushing with 3 males under 16 & 3 additional females. 1810 Anson has Brina Rushing, 45 and up, a female 26 to under 45, a female 16 to under 26 and a male under 10. Do these records pertain to the same person? Who was Sabrina's husband?

2. The 1800 Anson NC census has the following entry:

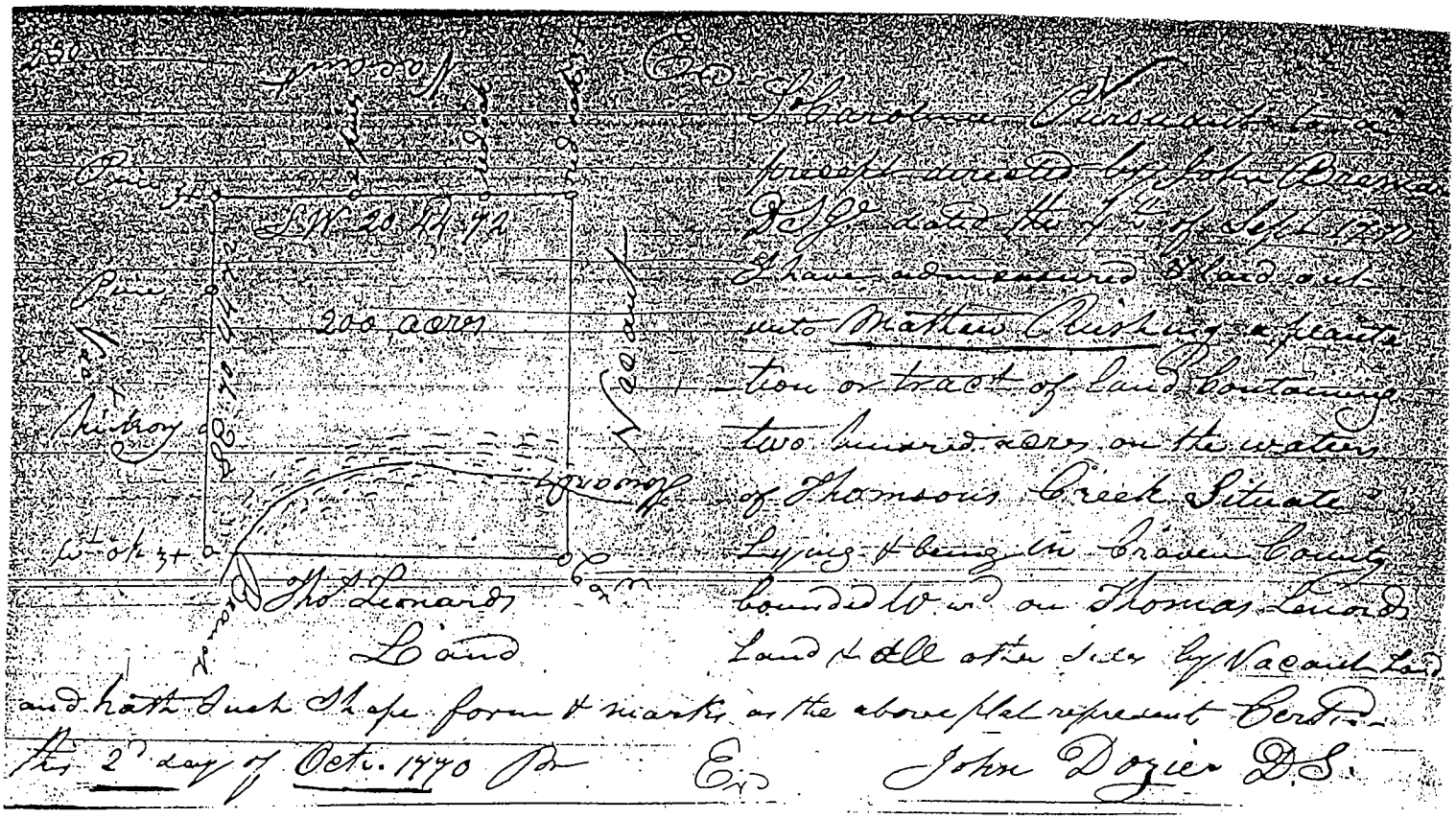
Abraham Rushing B. C. (he is age 26-45, with family.)

What does B. C. mean? (The second Abraham listed on this census was age 45 and over with wife and two sons. There were no initials following his name.)

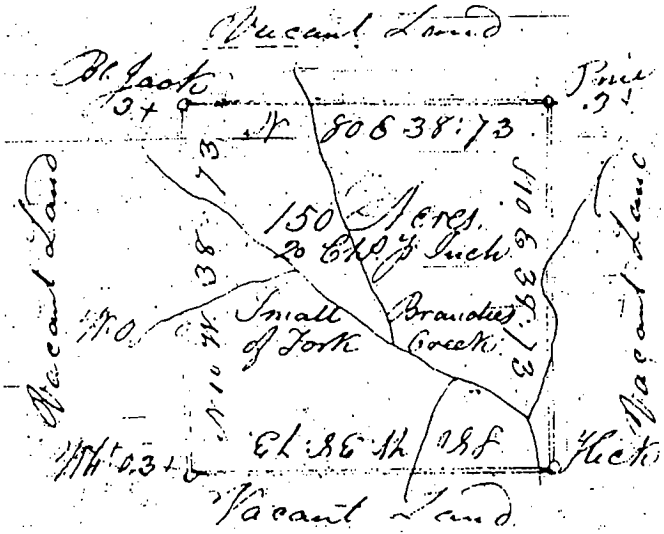
3. The 1820 Anson NC census noted what are assumed to be Militia Districts. William and Jason were in Ratliff's. William M., John G., William (son of Robt) and Philip J. were in Bennett's. Roberts Sr and Jr, Paul, Asa, John. David, Stephen, Sarah and Joel were in Huntley's. Is any information available as to the geographical location of these districts?

4. The listing for John Rushing in 1820 Anson shows him as 26-45 years of age. He is living alone and there is no indication of his occupation. Following his name is what appears to be (stud). It seems safe to assume this is not used in the present day meaning of the word. Is it an abbreviation for student? If so, what was he studying?

THESE LAND RECORDS ARE IN THE SC ARCHIVES. WHICH MATHEW AND WHICH WILLIAM ARE WE LOOKING AT HERE?



Pursuant to an precept from John Drake Esq. dated the 1st day of Sept. 1767 I have admeasured & laid out unto Mathew Rushing a plantation or tract of land containing two hundred acres on the waters of Thomsons Creek Situate lying & being in Craven County bounded W. and on Thomas Leonards Land & all other sides by Vacant Land and hath such shape form & marks as the above plat represent Certified this 2d day of Oct. 1770 Per Ex John Dozier D.S.



South Carolina

Pursuant to an precept from John Drake Esq. S.S.C. dated the 2d day of June 1767, I have admeasured and laid out unto William Rushing a tract of one hundred and fifty acres of land on the head branches of Fork Creek, in Craven County. Bounding on all sides by vacant land & hath such shape form and marks as the above plat represents.

Certified the 11th day of June 1767 by John Hade, a S

RUSHINGS ON THE 1840 CENSUS OF SUMTER COUNTY, ALABAMA

1. W. R. Rushing: 20-30, f 20-30, fs 10-15, 5-10 & 0-5. Not yet identified.

2. Labern Rushing: 20-30, f 20-30, m 5-10, 2 fs 0-5. Thought to be Laban from NC who married Rosanna Harrell. Children are Clement, Elmira J. and Frances. On Sumter, AL 1850. On Scott Co, MS census in 1860.

3. James M. Rushing: 20-30. Not yet identified.

4. William Rushing: 50-60, f 40-50, 2 ms 20-30, 2 ms 10-15. Thought to be William of SC, son of John Paul, and wife, Mary. Children are Stephen J., Richard L., James A. and Thomas E. All are on Sumter 1850. Stephen J. is with wife, Martha S. A. (Carroll). William died later in 1850. Mary and 3 sons are on Scott MS in 1860. No trace of Stephen J.

5. Jno P. Rushing: 30-40, f 20-30, 2 ms 0-5, f 0-5. Thought to be John Paul, son of Wm. and Mary, and first wife, Mary (Harrell), with children William R., Paulina and Benjamin F. John Paul remained in Sumter Co. Mary was dead by 1860.

6. Shepherd Rushing: 30-40, f 30-40. No known children. He was the son of Stephen and Elizabeth and b NC. Wife was Mahala. Remained in Sumter Co.

7. Paul Rushing: 60-70, f 70-80, m 60-70, 3 fs 15-20, m 10-15. Thought to be from NC and in TX by 1850. Others not yet identified.

8. Stephen Rushing: 50-60, f 50-60. Thought to be son of John Paul, with wife, Elizabeth. Parents of James M., Shepherd and Temperance. The latter was married to Hugh Blakeney. Stephen was born in SC and Elizabeth in VA. His will was probated Jan 26, 1844. Elizabeth is on Sumter 1850.

9. James M. Rushing: 30-40, f 30-40, m 10-15, m 5-10, 2 ms 0-5. James Marshall and wife Susannah. He is son of Stephen and Elizabeth and was born in SC. Susanna was born NC. Oldest child is Leonidas who married America E. Scarff. Other children thought to be Stephen, Lorenzo and Christopher C. This family remained in Sumter Co.

10. Solomon Rushing: 40-50, f 20-30, 2 ms 10-15, f 5-10, m 0-5. Not yet identified.

11. John P. Rushing: 30-40, f 20-30, f 10-15, m 5-10, f 5-10, f 0-5. Not yet identified.

SOME UNIDENTIFIED RUSHINGS FROM SUMTER COUNTY, ALABAMA 1850 CENSUS

1. Mrs. Rushing, 70, b MS, in house with Whitmell K. Bullock, 52 NC, and family.
2. Abel Rushing, 33 NC, wife Frances (Davis) 22 TN, children Mary A. 3, Charles 1, Elizabeth 1.
3. Thomas Rushing, 18 NC, in house with William McRee, 40 SC, and family.
4. Elijah D. Rushing, 40 NC, Nancy, 39 NC, Alexander H., 14 AL, Frances E., 7 AL, Mahala D., 4 AL.
5. Edward D. Rushing, 34 NC, clerk, in house with James Duren, 50 SC, warehouseman; Leonidas J. Duren, 22 NC, manager; Isaiah Mitchell, 36 TN, teamster; James C. Parish, NC, clerk; James Walker, 40 GA, laborer.

ALLIED FAMILIES

The following are some families that are, or seem to be, connected to the Rushings in the early days. Can you provide specific information or add new family names?

BLAKENEY	MAY
BOGGAN	MEADOR
BRELAND	McLEAIRD
BULLOCK	NETTLES
DEASON	NICHOLS
DERDEN	PAUL
GADDY	PERKINS
GULLEDGE	REDFEARN
HARRELL	SCARFF
HERRIN	STANFILL(FIELD)
HUNTLEY	SWOR
JACKSON	THORNHILL
LOWRY	WHITE

THE FUTURE OF RUSHING ROOTS

We hope that you have enjoyed reading this collection of Rushing family material. The Rushings have not been an easy family to sort out. A great deal of material has been collected by various researchers. Those of us on the computer genealogy bulletin board have found that exchanging our material made a lot of connections--and left a lot of confusion still existing. (In some cases, still growing.) We may be trying to connect people with the Rushing surname who never were, and never will be, related to one another. Or, we may be getting closer to the key that will let them fall neatly into place. This publication seemed like a way to reach new people who have some of the answers, and to share what we have.

The decision on whether or not to continue RUSHING ROOTS will be made in September. If you would be interested in subscribing if it does continue, please send a SASE to this address:

Gayle B. Weed
10205 Melanie SE
Huntsville, AL 35803

An information sheet will be mailed to you in September letting you know the decision and including subscription information, if it is to go forward. This would not be a profit making effort and the cost would be set to cover printing and mailing. Preliminary thoughts are to put out the issues three times a year with each one being about 50 pages long. If fifteen to twenty people express an interest, that should be enough to get started.

As was mentioned earlier, this is being mailed to libraries and archives in several states. If you are reading this, and it is after September, please write anyway. If we don't do this now, there's always later. Each of the contributors would also be happy to hear from you individually if you see connections or have questions about their line.

THANK YOU

There are many to thank for making this trial issue of RUSHING ROOTS possible. To each contributor of articles and family charts, thank you for your time, efforts and support. Frances Thomas, your cheers were appreciated. Thanks go to Louie G. Weed for assistance with computer things and for recently spending several hours in the National Archives compiling Rushing material when he wanted to be working on Searcy. To Willene Friar, thank you for the financial contribution, and the verbal contributions during the late night telephone conversation. And thanks to Barbara Day whose timely comment on the value of a family publication got this effort moving.

RUSHING ROOTS UPDATE JULY, 1993

The early responses to the trial issue of Rushing Roots were favorable and the decision to go ahead has been made. Gayle Weed will be editor and Frances M. Thomas will be Consulting Editor. The first issue will be mailed in October, 1993. A year's subscription will cost $20 and will include three issues totaling in excess of 150 pages. Issue dates for the first year will be October, February and June.

The October issue will feature Richard, Philip, Abraham Sr. and Sabrina Rushing and North Carolina. We don't have all the answers regarding who their parents, spouses, children, etc, were--yet. If you have information or questions please send them to be included. The February issue will feature John Paul and Mathew(s) Rushing and South Carolina.

Queries will be a part of Rushing Roots. Subscribers can submit a free query for each issue. Queries will be accepted from all at no charge for the first issue, as space permits, so whether you subscribe or not, please send your Rushing query (12 typewritten lines) for the October issue.

We hope all Rushing researchers will join in this effort and look forward to solving some of the puzzles the Rushings have left for us. Send your subscription and other material to:

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Charles E. Rushing, the subject of this sketch, was born in Meltonville, Anson county, N. C., July 27, 1819. Leaving home at the early age of fifteen years to make his way in the world, he rode across the states on horseback to Mobile, Ala., accepting employment there as clerk in a wholesale shoe store. He married there in February, 1842, Miss Bridget C. Collin. He remained in Mobile about two years after this, when his health failing he came to Marion, Lauderdale county, Miss., being one of the early settlers of the county. He there started in mercantile business, and how well he succeeded was attested by the fortune he was the possessor of when the war began, being the owner of many slaves, the largest land owner in the county, and interested in three mercantile houses. He was opposed to secession, but when the inevitable came he did his duty as a man and citizen. He held the office of tax assessor during the war. The only office that he ever held previous to this was county treasurer, which office he held for fifteen consecutive years. After the war he was elected and served as a member of the constitutional convention to frame a constitution for the state under the reconstruction act. He then set about to gather another fortune, one having been lost by the vicissitudes of war. He started a new mercantile business at Columbus, Ky., and continued in that until February, 1866, when he was elected vice president of the Mobile & Ohio railroad, in which capacity he served until May, 1874. He then returned to Marion, Miss., where he spent the remainder of his days in peace and quiet on his farm, dying December 30, 1881. His was a busy life. Many have cause to remember him for his charities, for he was a friend to the orphan. He was blessed with several children—four sons and two daughters—his two oldest sons being victims of the war. His oldest living son, H. P. Rushing, married Miss Anna J. Cole, of Meridian, Miss., in February, 1873, and settled at Toplin, Miss., on a farm, where he now resides, and does business as farmer and merchant. He owns one of the finest herds of Jersey cattle in the state, and has a dairy with all the latest improvements, run by steam. He has also a system of private water works to supply his house and cattle with water. J. C. Rushing, the other living son resides in Meridian, Miss., and is in the railroad business. The two daughters reside at the old homestead at Marion. The following is another account of Charles E. Rushing.

TEPTON, MISS.

One of the useful citizens of Mississippi for many years and during his lifetime very prominent in public affairs was Charles E. Rushing (deceased). He was born in the Old North state in 1819 and after reaching manhood removed to Mobile, Ala., where he resided two years and was married to Miss Bridget Collin, a native of County Kildare, Ireland, where she was born in 1817. After their marriage they removed to Mississippi, settling at Old Marion, Lauderdale county, in 1844, where Mr. Rushing engaged in merchandising. After a few years he also established a good store at Marion station, on the then new Mobile & Ohio railroad, and at both these places he did a prosperous business until the opening of the Civil war. He filled the position of county treasurer ably and efficiently for some time and was otherwise interested in the political affairs of his section. When the war opened he was elected tax assessor of Lauderdale county, but was afterward in the commissary department and was instrumental in relieving the wants of those who were deprived of help and means by the devastations of war. When hostilities ceased he was completely bankrupt, much of his valuable property being destroyed by General Sherman's army. He was an extensive planter also in connection with his other enterprise, but after the war was over he embarked in the commission business in Columbus, Ky., and had been and was a director of the Mobile & Ohio railroad, and in 1866 was elected vice president of that road, which position he ably filled for nine years. After a well spent life he died at Old Marion, Miss., in 1881, his widow surviving him until 1880. Miss Clara L. Rushing, their daughter, resides with her sister, Mrs. M. E. Robinson, on the old homestead. These ladies are engaged successfully in conducting the plantation, Mrs. Robinson being chief of the domestic interests while Miss Rushing superintends the plantation. They have two thousand acres of good land, the cultivated portion of which yields from forty to fifty bales of cotton yearly. Their house is located seven miles east of Meridian, is pleasantly situated and makes them a comfortable and cozy home. These ladies are proving themselves good business women and are intelligent, wideawake and self-reliant. Mrs. Robinson has two sons: Clarence E. and Collin R. The Rushing family are Catholics. Charles E. Rushing was one of the incorporators and was afterward president of the Peoples' bank, Meridian, Miss.